



NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT EFFECT
ON THE ENVIRONMENT

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

This notice is a negative declaration under the provisions of Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law.

Lead Agency: The City of Buffalo, New York

The City of Buffalo, 65 Niagara Square, Buffalo, New York 14202, has reviewed the following action as it relates to the environment and has done so in accordance with Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law of 1975, as amended:

Action Title: Niagara Aromatics, Inc.

Location: 21 Isabelle Street, Buffalo, New York

Type of Action: Unlisted

Description: Niagara Aromatics, Inc. has converted a section of an existing 3 story brick industrial building (the former Sylvania Plant) for use as a facility for the manufacture of a chemical product. Operations at the facility will involve the operation of production equipment; the handling and storage of flammable liquids, corrosives, liquid chlorine, by-products and wastes; and the manufacture of para-hydroxy benzaldehyde. It is anticipated that up to 3 tons of liquid chlorine used in the manufacture of this product, will be stored on the premises at any time.

Niagara Aromatics, Inc. is required to obtain permits or licenses from the Buffalo Fire Department, Buffalo Sewer Authority and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation in order to conduct operations at the facility.

As a result of this environmental review, the City of Buffalo has determined that the undertaking of this action will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the environment. No further environmental review of this action will be conducted prior to implementation.

The facts and reasons for this determination are as follows: Appropriate and stringent measures have been taken by the company to prevent spillage of materials occurring, or in the event of a spill, from entering the sewer system. The company has satisfactorily fulfilled all the Buffalo Sewer Authority requirements for the safe discharge of process wastewater, which are contingent upon meeting specific discharge limits and stringent monitoring requirements. The Buffalo Fire Department has determined that proper precautions and equipment are in place for the safe handling and storage of flammable and hazardous materials, and for the safe manufacture of the product. The entire chlorine handling system was designed and constructed in strict accordance with standards established by the Chlorine Institute. Appropriate measures have been taken to eliminate the occurrence of chlorine leaks and to minimize the effects of any potential leak. The city of Buffalo will continue to evaluate the manufacturing process and chemical storage and handling methods at the facility to determine if further precautionary and mitigation measures are warranted.

Written comments supporting or disagreeing with this determination